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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) A few posts are presently lying vacant, the details of which are as under:

S.No.	Name of the Post	Date of vacancy
1.	Chairman & Managing Director, Gas Authority of India Ltd.	1.2.2001
2.	Managing Director, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.	1.12.2000
3.	Director (Drilling), Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.	1.10.2000

The post of Director (Operations), ONGC has been filled up on 19th February, 2001.

(b) and (c) The Ministry is vigorously processing the cases to expeditiously fill up the vacancies.

Deficit in Oil Pool Account

†656. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present assessment made by Government about the deficit in the oil pool account by the end of year 2000-2001;

(b) the total deficit in the oil pool account; and

(c) what was the deficit at the end of years 1998-99 and 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) The oil pool deficit is estimated to be around Rs. 12,000 crore at the end of the year 2000-01. The oil pool deficit at the end of the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 was Rs. 3,408 crore and Rs. 6,256 crore respectively.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.